

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes"	2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

****Members are advised that following last votes, the House is expected to complete consideration of all amendments to H.R. 4435 late into the evening and that they should be prepared to offer their amendment at the appropriate time tonight.**

Suspension (1 bill)

- 1) [**H.R. 4031**](#) – The Department of Veterans Affairs Management Accountability Act of 2014 (Rep. Miller (FL) – Veterans’ Affairs)

[**H.Res. 590**](#) – **Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 3361 – USA FREEDOM Act (Rep. Sensenbrenner – Judiciary/Intelligence) and further consideration of H.R. 4435 - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Rep. McKeon – Armed Services) (One Hour of Debate).** The Rules committee has recommended one Rule which would provide for consideration of H.R. 3361 and amendments to H.R. 4435.

For [**H.R. 3361**](#), the Rules Committee has recommended a closed Rule that provides for 40 minutes of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Judiciary and 20 minutes of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The Rule allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions and waives all points of order against the legislation.

For H.R. 4435, the Rules Committee has recommended a structured Rule for amendments. The Rule provides for consideration of 162 amendments, each debatable for 10 minutes, equally controlled by the proponent and opponent of the amendment.

The Rule also provides the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services authority to offer amendments en bloc, consisting of amendments not previously considered. All en bloc amendments are debatable for 20 minutes equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the committee on Armed Services. The Rule allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions and waives all points of order against the legislation.

The Rules Committee excluded several important amendments, including amendments related to the urgent problem of sexual assault in the military. The Committee also rejected a motion to make in order an amendment offered by Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts that would direct the president to complete an accelerated transition of U.S. combat operations in Afghanistan to the Afghan government by Dec. 31, 2014. The amendment would also require congressional approval if the President determines that U.S. military forces will remain in Afghanistan after 2014.

Continue Consideration of [H.R. 4435**](#) - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Rep. McKeon – Armed Services).** The bill would provide for the authorization of funding for the Department of Defense and other related agencies, programs, and operations for Fiscal Year 2015. It authorizes approximately \$513.4 billion in discretionary budget authority, including \$495.8 billion for the Department of Defense base budget and \$17.6 billion for the defense-related activities of the Department of Energy. It also authorizes \$79.4 billion in discretionary budget authority for overseas contingency operations.

The bill supports a 1.8 percent pay increase for military personnel. It also includes important provisions related to sexual assault in the military and authorizes funding for suicide prevention programs among the Special Operations community.

The legislation maintains the current restriction on domestic transfers of Guantanamo detainees and prevents the use of funds for construction or modification of U.S. facilities to house Guantánamo detainees. In addition, the bill places restrictions on military cooperation with Russia, including on nonproliferation matters.

The following amendments had recorded votes pending as of last night:

- Blumenauer Amendment #1
- Loretta Sanchez Amendment #3
- Garamendi Amendment #5
- Daines/Cramer/Lamborn/Lummis Amendment #6

A full list of the 162 amendments made in order can be found [HERE](#).

Bill Text for H.R. 4435:

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Background for H.R. 4435:

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TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Thursday, May 22: The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of H.R. 4435 – National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Rep. McKeon – Armed Services). The House is also expected to consider HR 3361 – USA FREEDOM Act (Rep. Sensenbrenner – Judiciary/Intelligence).

The Daily Quote

"Bucking his own leadership, Rep. Jeff Denham (R-Calif.) is pushing for a vote on a scaled-back immigration measure that would give legal status to young undocumented immigrants who serve in the military. Denham announced Monday that he has formally filed his measure, called the Enlist Act, as an amendment to a must-pass defense policy bill that the House will take up this week. 'The ENLIST Act provides an avenue for those who want to perform the ultimate act of patriotism — serving their country — to earn legal status,' Denham said in a statement. 'As a veteran, I can think of no better way to demonstrate your commitment to our nation.' Denham's move to force a vote comes after House GOP leaders have signaled they won't allow a vote on the measure. A spokesman for the second-ranking House Republican, Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.), said Friday that no amendments on the Enlist Act will be made in order with the National Defense Authorization Act — effectively blocking it. That move dealt another blow to immigration reform in the House this year — which, while not impossible, faces significant hurdles in the Republican-led chamber."

- Politico, 5/19/2014